

Response to Office Action
SN 10/697,404

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-21 are pending. Claims 20 and 21 have been allowed. Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-16, 18, and 19 are cancelled herein and claims 3, 7, and 17 are amended herein.

II. Amendments

Claims 3, 7, and 17 are amended to incorporate the limitations of each claim's canceled base claim. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 3, 7, and 17 are in form for issuance, and request that the Examiner withdraw the objections.

III. Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 12, and 18 under 35 USC §102. Applicants submit that the rejections are moot because these claims are canceled herein.

IV. Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §103

The Examiner has rejected claims 5, 6, 10, 11, 13-16, and 19 under 35 USC §103. Applicants submit that the rejections are moot because these claims are canceled herein.

V. Claim Objections

Claims 3, 7, 17 Amended to Incorporate Limitations of Their Base Claims

The Examiner has objected to claims 3, 7, and 17 for being dependent on a rejected base claim, stating the claims would be allowable if rewritten to incorporate the limitations of the base claim. Applicants thank the Examiner for his detailed reading of the claims and amend claims 3, 7, and 17 accordingly. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in form for issuance, and request that the Examiner withdraw the objection.

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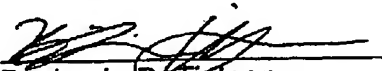
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VII. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that all objections and rejections have been traversed, and that the application is in form for issuance. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner allow the application to proceed to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

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